Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" இவ்வருஷம் பயிர்களுக்கு தொல்லை விளைவித்தப்பூச்சிகளை எதிர்த்துப் போராடுவதற்கு எடுத்த முயற்சிகளைப்போல் அடுத்த வருஷமும் பயிர்களுக்கு பூச்சியினால தொல்லை ஏற்படாமல் பாது காக்க முன்கூட்டியே நடவடிக்கையை சர்க்கார் எடுப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member himself admits that the Government have very successfully combated the pest attack and he may rest assured that they will continue the same precautionary measures in the coming years also."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" பயிர்களுக்குத் தொல்லையைக் கொடுக்கிறது பெண் பூச்சிகளா ? அல்லது ஆண் பூச்சிகளா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have the hon. Member's assistance in conducting this research."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in the past there have been mass prayers conducted whenever there was lack of rain and the Government also offered mass prayers to induce the gods to send rain. Will this Government also contemplate conducting mass prayers so that this danger may be averted? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I may tell the hon. Member that he may be a great believer in prayers but this Government does not believe in such prayers but they believe in having a sufficient number of sprayers and they have taken necessary steps in this regard."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister would accept the suggestion to have aerial sprayers instead of prayers to Heaven? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think it is necessary."

Residential quarters for the Woman Medical Officer, Puttur

* 1058 *Q*.—Sri K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Woman Medical Officer of the Government Hospital, Puttur, is provided with residential quarters,

(*b*) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Hospital Advisory Committee and the public of Puttur, South Kanara, to convert the Sub-Registrar's Office building adjoining the hospital, into residential quarters for the Woman Medical Officer; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."